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PEROXISOME PROLIFERATOR-ACTIVATED RECEPTORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

An Abstract of the Disclosure is attached hereto as a separate page following page 19 of this paper.